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MOUNTAIN PRESS ASSOCIATION.

Newspaper Men of Eastern Kentucky Perfect an Organization, Having in View the Interests of Their Profession and the Permanent Good of the People.

Proceedings of the First Meeting.

[Jackson Times.]

Jackson had the privilege of entertaining, last Monday, the editors and newspaper workers of the Mountains of Eastern Kentucky.

Out of the conference then had was born the Mountain Press Association, an organization destined to become the greatest moving factor in the further progress of the district covered by the thirty-two newspapers of the same.

Monday noon the newspaper men began to arrive and by evening the number had swelled until the assemblage convened for business was of good proportions and, represented, as one man, an enthusiasm calculated to inspire great confidence in the unqualified success of the movement.

Full proceedings of the business sessions are noted below.

In the evening occurred the banquet to visiting newspaper men and invited guests. The affair was made brilliant by the presence of many ladies, and the menu, provided by mine host Hammons of the Imperial Hotel, shed lustre upon his well known abilities as a caterer and good fellow.

Grouped about the board were representatives of the press, law, pulpit, banking and others of the leading professions and businesses.

of, R. C. Musick, as master, introduced the speaker, who delivered an address of great interest and eloquence in the hall, which was freely until the morning.

The Commercial Club of Jackson, that live body of hustling business men who can always be depended upon to do the proper thing, are to be credited with paying the financial way for the handsome entertainment of the town's guests. They have the thanks of every newspaper man in the mountain district.

Out of the meeting untold good will result to the press and public.

The publishers of Eastern Kentucky met at the M. E. Church, Jackson, Ky., at 2 o'clock p. m., February 27, 1911, for the purpose of organizing the Mountain Press Association.

On motion and by vote H. H. Gibson, of the Breathitt County News, was elected temporary Chairman, and L. T. Hovernal, of the Jackson Times, temporary Secretary.

The temporary organization being perfected, it was moved by R. C. Musick, of the Jackson Times:

"That it be the sense of this meeting that an organization of the publishers and printers of the Mountains of Eastern Kentucky be effected for the purpose of bringing said publishers and printers into closer relations with each other and to better the conditions of the newspapers of that section; that said organization be known as the Mountain Press Association, and the territory to be covered by said organization shall be that part of the State known as the Mountain Counties of Kentucky; and for the purpose of effecting a permanent organization and preparing a constitution and by-laws, a committee of six be appointed to draft a constitution and bylaws."

Upon vote, said resolution was adopted and the following committee appointed: Emin Elam, of the Ohio, Hazel Green; R. C. Musick, William Carter and L. T. Hovernal, of the Jackson Times; H. H. Gibson and M. H. Holiday, of the Breathitt County News.

At 8:30 p. m. the meeting re-

assembled in the dining room of the Imperial Hotel. On motion, H. H. Gibson, of the Breathitt County News, was elected President of the Mountain Press Association, Emin Elam, of the Ohio, Hazel Green, Vice-President, and Sam Hurst, of the Beattyville Enterprise, Secretary.

Upon motion the following resolutions were adopted and the secretary was instructed to see that copies of same were wired to the Senators of Kentucky at Washington:

Resolved, By the Mountain Press Association in mid-winter meeting assembled at Jackson, Ky., February 27, 1911: That we hereby express our unqualified opposition to the present plan of the Federal Postoffice Department in letting a contract to a private concern for the exclusive printing of stamped envelopes. We learn with astonishment of the reported effort of the National administration to strangle the Nelson-Touville bill in the Senate Postoffice committee, which we prefer to believe impossible. We protest against this species of paternalism and against this plan of taking from the newspaper publishers and printers, business which legitimately belongs to them, and we hereby urge the Senators from Kentucky as well as the President of the United States and the Postmaster General to assist in securing a favorable report on this bill, having assurance that it will easily pass the Senate once it is reported by the committee.

We hereby instruct the Secretary of the Association to send a copy of this resolutions, signed by the President and Secretary, to the President of the United States, to the Postmaster General and to Senators Paynter and Bradley.

The following resolutions were offered, and adopted by unanimous vote:

Resolved, That we recommend to the next General Assembly of Kentucky that a thorough course in Journalism be added to and made part of the curriculum of the Kentucky State University;

Resolved, That the Mountain Press Association invites the Kentucky Press Association to hold its mid-summer meeting in the town of Jackson;

Resolved, That we tender the Jackson Commercial Club our heartfelt thanks for the splendid manner in which it entertained the Mountain Press Association;

Resolved, That we extend our thanks to J. H. Hammons, proprietor of the Imperial Hotel for the many courtesies shown the members of the Association, and the elegant banquet furnished;

Resolved, That copies of these proceedings be furnished all the papers in Eastern Kentucky.

W. W. Perry, of the Winchester Sun-Sentinel, and C. S. Clark, of the Western Newspaper Union, Cincinnati, were made honorary members.

The meeting then adjourned, subject to the call of the Executive Committee, consisting of Emin Elam, of the Ohio, Hazel Green; R. C. Musick, William Carter and L. T. Hovernal, of the Jackson Times, and H. H. Gibson and M. H. Holiday, of the Breathitt County News.

SAM DAVIS.

When the Lord calls up earth's heroes
To stand before his face,
O, many a name unknown to fame
Shall ring from that high place!

And out of a grave in the South-land,
At the just God's call and beck,
Shall one man rise with fearless eyes
And a rope about his neck.

For men have swung from gallows
Whose souls were white as snow.
Not how they die nor where, but why,

Is what God's records show.
And on that mighty ledger
Is writ Sam Davis' name—
For honor's sake he would not make
A compromise with shame.

The great world lay before him,
For he was in his youth.
With love of life young hearts are rife,
But better he loved truth.

He fought for his convictions,
And when they stood at bay
He would not flinch or stir one inch
From honor's narrow way.

They offered life and freedom
If he would speak the word;
In silent pride he gazed aside
As one who had not heard.

The argued, pleaded, threatened—
It was but wasted breath.
"Let come what must, I keep my trust,"
He said, and laughed at death.

He would not sell his manhood
To purchase priceless hope;
Where kings drag down a name and crown
He dignified a rope.

Ah, grave! where was your triumph?
Ah, death where was your sting?
He showed you how a man could bow
To doom and stay a king.

And God, who loves the loyal
Because they are like him,
I doubt not yet that soul shall set
—Among his cherubim.

O Southland! bring your laurels;
And add your wreath, O North!
Lift glory claim the hero's name,
And tell the world his worth.

—Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

Hunger a Lost Feeling.

Civilized human beings do most of their eating through habit, and it is a bad habit. Savages, with whom the natural to eat comes only as the result of direct effort, do it better and manage to get along without physicians. We are cursed by having our vitals too close at hand.

"A prolific cause of chronic indigestion," says the Hygiene Gazette, "is eating from habit, and simply because it is meal time and others are eating." To eat when not hungry is to eat without relish, and food taken without relish is worse than wasted.

The aborigine who had to stalk and kill his deer before breakfast suffered none of the modern disorders of the stomach. No doubt he went hungry many a time, but to be hungry is far better than to be "food drunk," a term invented by Edison, and fitly to be applied to most of us most of the time.

That good old feeling called hunger is in a fair way to fade into mere tradition. The average man perhaps can not say that he has really felt that feeling once in a dozen years.

To be sure, when a meal is delayed beyond the customary time, habit protests in an uneasy feeling which is erroneously supposed to be hunger. But the genuine, sharp, knowing demand of the system for food most of us left behind with our childhood—Ex.

A VALUABLE GIFT.

To the first fifty subscribers, new or old, who pay their subscriptions a year in advance we will give free of charge a year's subscription to the Southern Agriculturist, Nashville, Tenn., worth 50 cents.

We positively have only 50 subscriptions to this fine semi-monthly farm paper to dispose of in this way, and the first calls will get them. Do you want one?

Sample copies of the Southern Agriculturist may be had free of charge at this office.

NOVEL COOKING UTENSIL.

Five Dishes Can Be Cooked at Once Over One Gas Burner.

A cooking utensil that has many things to recommend it has been invented by an Ohio woman. Its chief merit is that it will cook five things at once over one burner of a gas stove, thereby saving space, trouble and fuel. A circular platter has five pans arranged around a handle in the center and the lids have attachments, so that they can either be opened on a hinge and dropped back again or can be held open indefinitely. Usually, only one thing can be cooked over one burner at a time, and, usually, too, cooking pots and pans are unnecessarily large for small families. All the food that a small family of two or three persons requires can be contained in the pans, and if the dishes require different lengths of time on the range, they can be put on or taken off separately. As will readily be seen, this utensil will be especially convenient in flats.—Ex.

Offending Black Bottle.

A church member in a lonely district of Saskatchewan absented himself from services some months ago, but it was impossible to attend any more. He was pressed to give reasons, and at length said it was owing to the bad conduct of the superintending clergyman and catechist.

He and others had witnessed them drinking when driving round on their visits. They had passed a black bottle from hand to hand. It was impossible to attend the ministry of such men. Inquiries proved that the offending "bottle" was a pair of field glasses with which the drivers surveyed the surrounding country and tried to locate the various churches, shacks and trails.—Sunday at Home.

"Always the Woman."

His independence made him proud.
He scoffed at double-breasted coats;
Men who to fashion's dictates bowed
He likened to a flock of goats.
That followed where their leader went,
And never knew what freedom meant.

He sneered at men and called them fools,
Because they wore clothes a la mode;
He laughed at fashion's foolish rules
And went about declaring that
A fool was under each stiff hat.

He boasted that he didn't care
What fashion said was right or wrong;
He spurned the razor, and his hair
Was ragged and uncombed and long;

The linen collar he eschewed
As something only for a dude.
A woman smirked at him one day,
And said a silly word or two;
He put his loose old clothes away,
And dressed in fine ones that

were new;
Then got his hair cut and a shave;
And fashion had another slave.
—Anonymous.

GENERAL NEWS.

The Democratic State Executive Committee in session at Louisville March 3rd, changed the date of the State Primary from May 27 to July 1st.

"Wild Bill" Hatfield, said to be a Kentucky feudist of the Hatfield-McCoy crowd, shot and killed a Mexican rebel comrade at Mexicali on the night of February 23rd. Hatfield is an American recruit in Gen. Lavaya's rebel army. It is feared the shooting of Francisco by Hatfield will cause trouble between the American and Mexican members of the rebel army.

Judge Allie W. Young, when asked for a statement as to whether he would enter the race for Governor, gave out the following:

"While I would like to be Governor I will not be a candidate as long as Senator James B. McCreary is in the race. I say this so that my friends who are for McCreary may not be embarrassed."

The editor sat in his office when all but him had fled, and he wished that every last dead beat was in his grave—stone dead. His mind then wandered far away to the time when he should die, and his royal editorial soul go scooting to the sky; when he'd roam the fields of Paradise and sail o'er Jasper seas and all things glorious would combine his every sense to please. He thought then how he'd look across the great gulf dark and drear, that yawn between his happy soul and those who swindled here, and when for water they would call, and in agony they'd caper, he'd shout to them: "Just quench your thirst with the due that's on your paper."—Exchange.

Too Much Gravity a Bad Sign.
There is a false gravity which is a very ill symptom; and it may be said that as rivers which run very slowly have always the most mud at the bottom, so a solid stiffness in the constant course of a man's life is a sign of a thick bed of mud at the bottom of his brain.—Baville.

King's Annual Gift to Workhouse.
Every year a tree is dug from the king's Windsor estate and presented to the local workhouse by his majesty. Then, garishly decorated with flags, it is hung with drums, trumpets, bells and rays of every conceivable description for distribution among the wretched of the workhouse.

Measles' Happy Hunting Grounds.
A visitor to the canal zone of Panama saw have the privilege of an introduction to not less than 33 species of mosquitoes, 20 of them found nowhere else. Fortunately they do not all bite and the contagion of yellow fever is carried by only one of them.

Solemnity and Stupidity.
Solemnity, solemnity, ponderosity—with or without a big beard—do not necessarily indicate the possession of wisdom and talent. On the contrary, they may simply spell Stupidity, with a capital S.

Relief for Cough.
To prevent a dry tickling cough when lying down, rub the nostrils well with vasoline or any pure grease. It will save the patient much anxiety and broken rest.

One day small Elmer observed five funerals pass the house. After the last one had passed he said: "Mamma, if we don't hurry up and die heaven will be so crowded we can't get in."

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Real Pessimistic Post.
"A pessimist that's a post," says the Philosopher of Folly, "is a man who is sure bad luck is coming, and then is surprised and shocked when it comes."

As to Friends.
A friend may be often found and lost, but an old friend can never be found, and nature has provided that he cannot easily be lost.—Samuel Johnson.

The Stumbling Block.
"I'd tell my friends frankly of all my faults," says the Philosopher of Folly, "but for one thing. They'd believe what I told 'em."

Curious Trait.
Some women are willing to wear almost nothing on the stage so that they may appear in fine clothes off the stage.

Modern Mohammedanism.
When a delegation of Mohammedans called on Dr. Lueger, the mayor of Vienna, a few days ago, to ask that the city place theirs among the recognized faiths, the mayor expressed himself as being delighted to do so in reporting the interview, a Vienna paper says: "As to difficulties regarding polygamy, Dr. Lueger thought that means could easily be found to overcome them." The delegation also said that the people of their faith had ceased to live strictly up to the old law, which made a mosque unholily toward the building of which any but Mohammedan money had been used. It was related that at Basajulu there was a mosque which had been reared by Christians, and that the most notable treasure of the Foca Mosque was a carpet, the gift of the late Crown Prince Rudolph.

Found Immense Mountain Chain.
In describing his latest journey in Tibet, ended during the present year, Dr. Sven Hedin says that the greatest result achieved is the discovery of a continuous mountain chain, 3,000 miles long, stretching east and west, and which, taken as a whole, is the most massive range on the crust of the earth. Its average height above sea level is greater than that of the Alps, although its peaks are from 4,000 to 5,000 feet lower than Mount Everest. Its passes average 10,000 feet higher than those of the Himalayas. The eastern and western parts of this range were known before, but the central and highest part in Bonsha, was unexplored, previously to Dr. Hedin's visit. He crossed ten passes in the range.—Youth's Companion.

Singer's Life Not Hard One.
"If I had to coddle myself, stay in the house all day, and never speak whenever I was to sing in the evening, I would give up singing." Allen C. Hinkley, the big, broad-shouldered young American basso of the Metropolitan Opera house, New York, remarked recently. "I believe it is the high one does every day, not merely on the days on which one sings, that counts. I try to keep myself always in good physical and vocal condition, and one day is about the same as another—that is all there is to it. I should not play a game of golf, for instance, before singing in the evening."

Mr. Hinkley is a champion golf player—"but if the day is fine, I take a long walk in the park, and get my mind off myself."

Alaskan Copper for Future.
Alaska gives promise of becoming in time a large producer of copper. The Bonanza mine in Montana has an ore body 300 feet wide, which was cut at a depth of 235 feet by a cross-cut tunnel, in which there is 130 feet of ore averaging 25 per cent. copper, the middle 35 feet being almost pure copper—glance running from 60 to 70 per cent. of copper and 35 ounces of silver a ton. This is probably one of the greatest showings of copper in North America, but the property is over 100 miles from railroad transportation, so that it will be years before this copper can possibly come on the market.

The Secretaries of State.
Mr. Knox will be our fourth monosyllabic secretary of state since 1897. He succeeded Root, who succeeded Hay, who succeeded Day. The earlier monosyllabic secretaries of state were Smith, Clay, Cass, Black, Fish and Blaine. Only one secretary of state—Frelinghuysen—had a four-syllable name. There are seven three-syllable names in the list and 21 two-syllable names.

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Filled With Curiosity.

The man was standing behind a tree in front of an apartment house in a cross street when the cop on that beat came pounding along on the sidewalk. It was close to midnight, and naturally the cop stopped and looked at the man standing behind the tree.

"Howdy," says the cop, by way of opening conversation.

"You're another," replied the man good naturedly.

"Whut'chuh doin'—waitin' for somebody?" inquired the brave policeman.

"Nope."

"Just standin' there, hey?"

"You've hit it."

"Live near here, do you?"

"Right in there," says the citizen, jerking his thumb in the direction of the apartment house he was standing in front of.

The cop looked at him thoughtfully for a minute.

"Mebby it's none of my business," he says, and then again mebbly it is. I don't like to go round buttin' into anybody's private affairs, but tell me neighbor, what's your graft, anyhow?"

"Well," loosened up the citizen, "if it's a case of me a-tellin' you or you croakin' from curiosity, right in front of my eyes, I'll tell you how it is—provided it don't go further. My wife said to me when I started down to town this evenin'.

"If you're not home by midnight I'm goin' to pack up and go right back to mother. So there!"

"Well, says the cop.

"Well, its just about midnight now, and I'm like you—got curiosity. I am waiting here to see if she is goin' to keep her word."

The cop's curiosity ceased at that point, and he walked on down the street whistling without waiting to see the thing out.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

The United Commercial Travelers of America are, perhaps, the best known insurance and fraternal organizations of traveling men in the world, and is growing rapidly in all parts of the country. Like all other large bodies the U. C. T.'s are governed by Supreme and Grand bodies, which meet yearly, at stated periods to attend to the legislative part of the business for the order. This year our sister city of Huntington will entertain the Grand Council, composed of representatives from Maryland, the Virginias, Kentucky, and the District of Columbia, bringing to that city the largest crowd of strangers ever seen, and anyone who knows how the "knights of the grip" entertain at any time, at home or abroad, can well imagine what a great time is in store for those who attend the meeting in June. The business sessions will embrace the 8th, 9th and 10th, but the entire week will be put in entertaining the visitors. The citizens of Huntington are keen to realize the importance of such a meeting, and are lending the local committees all possible aid in the preliminary arrangements for the big meeting in June next.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

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We are authorized to announce
GEORGE P. DYER,
of Wolf county, as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Representative from the 91st Legislative District of Kentucky, subject to the action of the Democratic primary to be held May 27, 1911.

We are authorized to announce
I. N. HORTON,
of Wolf county, as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Representative from the 91st Legislative District of Kentucky, subject to the action of the Democratic primary to be held May 27, 1911.

It is rumored that Governor Willson will call an extra session of the Legislature to meet as soon as the census report for Kentucky has been certified.

There is still quite a lot of railroad talk. Is the Commercial Club doing anything to encourage the promoters and enhance our chances? Better strike while the iron's hot.

Bully for Judge Young! We didn't believe he would enter the race for the gubernatorial nomination against Senator McCreary and he has so announced in unmistakable language. His action stamps him as a man of the highest sense of political honor and greatly strengthens him if in the future he should seek political honors at the hands of his party.

Jonas Payne, of Lawrence county, in order to dodge the payment of the dog tax, appeared before an officer and made an affidavit that he didn't own any dogs nor harbor any about his house. Some of Payne's neighbors, hearing of the affidavit, went before a justice of the peace and filed information of a different nature and as a result the said Jonas Payne is now in jail at Louisa on a charge of false swearing.

How many men in Morgan county would be in the same boat if the truth in regard to their canines were definitely known?

Why not the boys of Morgan county organize a corn club or corn growers contest? The thing is being done in other counties where conditions are not nearly so favorable as the are in Morgan. The prizes would look awfully nice to the winners and the increased production, under scientific cultivation, and the practical knowledge gained would more than repay those who failed to secure a prize for their extra trouble.

Who will take this matter in hand with a determination to carry it out successfully? It is a movement in which every one ought to take an interest.

Elsewhere in this issue will be found an account of the organization of the Mountain Press Association. It is a step in the right direction and we are going to predict that much good will result from the movement. There can be no good accomplished by mudslinging between the editors of mountain newspapers and the Association will be the means of bringing them in closer touch with each other and of cementing the bonds of union that should exist between them.

In last week's issue of the Courier appeared the announcement of I. N. Horton, of Campton, Wolf county, for the Democratic nomination for Representative from the district composed of the counties of Wolfe and Morgan. While our personal acquaintance with Mr. Horton extends over a period of only a few months the impression we have formed of him as a gentleman, and as a man well qualified to fill, with honor to himself and credit to his constituents, the office to which he aspires, is very strong. He stands indicted by the Campton Courier, an independent newspaper, edited by a republican and published in his home town, on the charges of being a successful business man, closely allied to the common people, a model of morality and manhood with a reputation unblemished and a character unassailable, a single man of thirty summers and a democrat in principle and practice. If these charges be true, and we shall not gainsay them, Mr. Horton enters the legislative race a formidable foe, worthy the steel of the most valiant knight who ever sought political preferment at the hands of the rock-ribbed Democracy of Morgan and Wolf.

Mr. Horton has heretofore preferred to fight in the trenches of his party rather than assume the responsibilities of leadership, but notwithstanding his innate modesty he answered his party's call in the campaign of 1909 and served as campaign chairman with a largely increased democratic majority as the result. The Courier presents him to its readers and asks for him due consideration of his claims for their suffrage.

Too Much Burning.

Within the last twelve months there have been a number of burnings in Morgan county, principally barns, and in a great many instances live stock, horses, mules and kine have perished in these fires.

Now there is a strong suspicion, even among the conservative and well informed, that a number of those fires are of incendiary origin. Lest those for whom this article is intended be not able to comprehend our meaning we will try to express ourselves in language so simple that the fool may understand. What we mean by a fire of incendiary origin is this: That some cowardly cuss, who to carry out his diabolical purposes would steal the coin from the eyes of a corpse, proceeds, under cover of darkness, to the dwelling or barn of some one against whom he has a grievance, either real or fancied, and applies the torch, and in this

he wreaks a hellish vengeance that none but the most dastardly coward would stoop to employ.

The English language is deficient when you begin to search for a term applicable to one who would be guilty of an act so diabolically heinous or so heinously diabolical as this. The Chinese, with all their fiendish ingenuity, have never conceived a mode of punishment commensurate with or that would in any degree expiate the ultra dastardly, fiendish crime of incendiaryism. The fact that this thing has been done, is, in the honest judgment of many, still being done, is a successful refutation of the doctrine of the infidel—that "there is no burning hell." For only in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone, where the worm dieth not and the fire is not quenched could the terrestrial fire bug meet with his just deserts.

As a temporary expedient we would suggest, where it be possible, an ounce of buck shot, extra size, in front of a full charge of ballistite powder, said charge to be fired from a modern up-to-date firearm and by a man who has the nerve to look at the white of the enemy's eye before pulling the trigger. Realizing that it is a difficult matter to catch the incendiary in the act and that the shotgun remedy could be rarely employed we would further suggest that, in case the evidence against the culprit was conclusive, a necktie be organized, with no attempt on the part of those composing the party, to conceal their identity, and that the first available limb be used a gallows upon which the devil in human form should pay, as far as possible, the price of his dastardly deed.

Primarily we are opposed to summary vengeance. Primarily we are opposed to lynch law, but there are extremes beyond which we cannot go—there are bounds we cannot pass, and we believe as firmly as we believe that there is a higher power which shapes our destinies that the man or men who are instrumental in removing an incendiary from his field of action should be accorded the homage due a hero and proclaimed benefactors of their race.

We are in receipt of a request for the gratuitous publication of certain newspaper clippings, which, we are glad to note, are highly complimentary to the person about which they were written, and a further request for copies of the Courier containing said clippings. Now to a person not engaged in the newspaper business there may not seem anything strange or extraordinary about such a request, but to the person whose limited allowance of bread and bacon and one hand-me-down suit of clothes every two years depends upon the proceeds of his publication such a request as this bears unmistakable earmarks of "singularity" to say the least.

None of the persons directly interested in the publication of these clippings are subscribers to the Courier, advertisers in its columns or even patrons of the job work department of the office, nor did the request contain even an intimation that they had any intention of becoming such. If they had been subscribers or patrons their request would have been granted with pleasure. As

Ex-Sheriff's Land Sale for Taxes.

I will on the 13th day of March, 1911, offer for sale to the highest and best bidder for cash in hand at the court house door at the hours from 10 o'clock a. m. to 2 o'clock p. m., the following tracts of land in Morgan county, Ky., for taxes due me as Ex-Sheriff as follows, to-wit:

Name.	Description.	Year Due.	Total Tax.
Keeton, J. W.	Land	1906	\$6.30
Keeton, J. W.	Land	1907	6.10
Keeton, J. W.	Land	1908	4.70
Rowland Sanford	Land	1907	5.50
Rowland Sanford	Land	1908	4.30

Given under my hand this 21st day Feby. 1911.

W. T. PHILLIPS, Ex-Sheriff M. C.
By R. M. SMITH, D. S.

it is there was but one thing to do with it and our fellow sufferers know where it is gone.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing between Floyd Day and A. K. Day at Caney, Ky., under the name and style of F. & A. K. Day, is hereby dissolved by mutual agreement.

Floyd Day having sold his interests to A. K. Day and S. J. Day, the business will be continued under the name and style of Day Bros.
Caney, Ky., February 21, 1911.

Correspondence

LOGVILLE.

All is quiet at this place.
Dr. Barton, is being kept busy, administering to pneumonia patients.

John M. Kennard is moving to West Liberty this week and H. H. Jayne is moving into the property vacated by him.

Dan Jayne says he likes Rock house fine but thinks he will like the girls still finer.

John W. Coffee was in town, Sunday and Monday, and laughing as usual.

James H. Coffee and family visited C. W. Williams Saturday night and Sunday.

R. B. Penix has been in these parts buying cattle for the past few days.

Jasper N. Perkins and Noah Coffee, started last week for Oklahoma.

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SCORED ONE ON THE MAJOR

Case of the "Soft" Answer That Was Hardly Likely to Turn Away Wrath.

The old major of cavalry was the owner of a pair of bow legs and a hot temper. He was, moreover, an enthusiastic golfer.

But he was still only 50 yards from his first tee with his fifth stroke. The new member had been waiting to play, and at last his patience gave out.

"Fore!" he cried, and drove off. He had done better to have waited a little longer.

His ball scudded along the turf and rolled between the major's legs. "Here, you, sir, confound you," exclaimed the latter, hotly, "that is no golf, sir!"

"No, perhaps not," replied the new member, slowly and thoughtfully, "but it is rattling good croquet."

AFTER-DINNER ORATORY.

Good after-dinner speaking has become a lost art and poor after-dinner speaking a public nuisance. Perhaps its successor will be paid vaudeville; perhaps a new race of orators will grow up. Meanwhile, let the orator who survives remember that when a man has enjoyed a good repast, while he has no objection to being instructed and improved, he wants primarily to be amused, and even that very briefly. Perhaps he should wish to hear an essay or ancient anecdotes, but he doesn't, and he who has taught but these to offer had better during the coming season decline invitations to speak on such occasions, in the interest of suffering humanity.—Minneapolis Public Ledger.

Beauty is Blood & Soap.

Clean blood means a clean skin. No beauty without it. Cascarets, Candy Cathars, the cleanest way to keep it clean, by stirring up the lazy liver and driving all impurities from the body. Begin today to banish pimples, boils, blotches, blackheads and that sickly bilious complexion by taking Cascarets.—Beauty for ten cents. All drug stores, 25¢ fraction guaranteed, 10c, 25c, 50c.

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During the three months ending Dec. 31st, 1910, THE LICKING VALLEY COURIER increased its circulation 100 per cent.

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County Court: On Second Monday in each month.

Quarterly Court: On Tuesday after Second Monday in each month.

Fiscal Court: On Wednesday after Fourth Monday in April and October.

I. C. Ferguson, Presiding Judge.

MAGISTRATE'S COURT.

First District—W. G. Short, 1st Monday in each month.

Second District—S. S. Dennis, Tuesday after 1st Monday in each month.

Third District—Harlan Murphy, Wednesday after 1st Monday in each month.

Fourth District—Charles Prater, Friday after 1st Monday in each month.

Fifth District—Frank Kennaird, Wednesday after 2nd Monday in each month.

Sixth District—J. E. Lewis, Friday after 2nd Monday in each month.

Seventh District—A. F. Blevins, Thursday after 2nd Monday in each month.

Eighth District—Franklin Walter, Thursday after 1st Monday in each month.

COUNTY OFFICERS.

Judge—I. C. Ferguson.
Attorney—J. P. Haney.
Sheriff—H. B. Brown.
Clerk—J. H. Sebastian.
Supt. Schools—T. N. Barker.
Jailer—H. C. Combs.
Assessor—Whitt Kemplin.
Coroner—C. F. Lykins.
Surveyor—M. P. Turner.
Fish and Game Warden—W. C. Fugett.

West Liberty Police Court—First Wednesday in each month.
N. P. Womack, Judge.

LOCAL LORE

Jas. M. Elam and Grant Bays are on the sick list.

Who said Jim Bastian's face was too full to swell.

Powell Ferguson, of Elamton, was in town Monday.

Mrs. H. T. Dyer, who has been quite sick, is improving.

D. P. McKenzie, of Goodsey, was in town, the first of the week.

H. H. Stuart, with Henderson Hardware Co., Sundayed at the Cole Hotel.

R. M. Elam, representing Kitchen, Whitt & Co., was in town Tuesday.

J. H. Cole and T. E. Lykins attended Federal Court at Jackson this week.

Born March 7th, to the wife of Luster Jones, of Pomp, a girl—Annie Kathleen.

L. M. Gardner, of Salyersville, is visiting friends and relatives in West Liberty this week.

C. C. Maxey, W. H. Manker and J. F. Skaggs spent several days with their families this week.

Mrs. Nannie Maxey and sons, Herbert and Curtis, who have been very sick, are about well again.

Second Lieut. A. J. Watson, First Serg. Hendrix Dixon, and private Ernest Haney, of Co. L, 2nd Ky. Infantry, are taking a course of military instruction at Louisville.

What's the matter with our correspondents? Any of them out of stationery? If so let us know and we will replenish your stock. We want you to write regularly and keep it up.

Mrs. Grant Bays is very sick.

Ed Webb, of Blairs Mills, was in town this week.

John Ed, the infant son of Mrs. Nora Cottle, is very sick.

B. M. Carr and J. L. Ferguson, of Index, were in town Wednesday.

W. A. Duncan and Daniel Henry made a business trip to Morehead last week.

Denny M. Carter, of Clearfield, was visiting his parents, Dr. and Mrs. B. F. Carter, last week.

James Holbrook, representing Hagen, Ratcliff & Co., was interviewing our merchants yesterday.

Died, the 4th inst. at the home of his son, Mitchell Adkins, of senile debility, Miles Adkins, aged about 80 years.

James H. Day has just returned from Louisville, where he purchased the spring and summer stock of goods for the Day & Davis Store Co.

John M. Kennaird, of Logville, is moving into the Astrop property on Broadway. John is a good citizen and we bid him welcome to our town.

The Ladies of the W. H. M. Society will conduct a permanent exchange every Saturday at the store of Oakley and Lykins. They will have on sale a tempting array of salads, cakes, pies, bread, candy, etc.

James E. Caskey, of Lenox, was in town Wednesday and showed us a sample of his penmanship, which was about as ornate as we have ever seen. Mr. Caskey took a course in penmanship in St. Louis, Mo., and has just closed a writing school at Lacy's Creek.

\$25 REWARD.

Between March the 2nd and 7th, there have been taken from the basement of the store building, now occupied by Day & Davis, two hams belonging to the undersigned.

The undersigned will pay to the first man who furnishes to him sufficient information to indict for said crime the person who took the hams, the sum of twenty five (\$25) dollars, provided the person so indicted shall be convicted of said charge. Money to be due when the thief is convicted.

This March, 7th., 1911.

S. W. Cecil.

WANTED.

The name, date of birth and birth place of every man and woman in Morgan county 80 years old and over. We want to compile a few statistics and will be obliged to any of our readers who will send us the name of any acquaintance of theirs who has reached the age of four score. Address

COURIER, West Liberty, Ky.

There is quite an epidemic of mumps here, with lots of people to have them.

If after West Liberty is lighted with gas, the railroad finds its way to it and the stock pens are built, West Liberty will be growing some, not only in population but business and money. These enterprises ought to be talked by all citizens of Morgan, and especially those of West Liberty; and not only talked, but all should lend a hand of assistance and encouragement.

TALL TALK

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INDEX.

H. B. Flam, Wess Blevins and Huram Havens attended Federal court at Jackson this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Williams were at Caney Saturday night the guest of James W. Williams and family.

W. D. Reed, of Wellsville, moved to his property here last week.

John D. Engle, of Yocum, has moved into the house with his

mother.

Dennis Hollan, of Wolf county, has moved to the Johnnie Havens property on the Spicewood fork of Little Caney.

Tall Talk was talking some sensible talk last week in regard to having a stock sale on county court days at West Liberty. It would help West Liberty generally and especially the Bank and other business men as well as the county. Let's hear from the citizens.

B. M. Carr was at West Liberty Saturday.

Mrs. Mary Elam, who has been visiting relatives at Pleasant Run returned home Saturday.

Two women whipped and their house turned over and the women drove out of the county. The following is the history of the case just as it was told us by one of the parties and is written at his request: On Monday night of the 27th of February about 75 armed men on horse back went to the home of Jack Combs, who is in jail at West Liberty, and notified his wife and sister, Mary, that they must leave the county at once or they would be visited again and their backs would be beaten with many stripes. So the women failed to heed the warning and on Thursday morning 147 men and 12 women met at the Centerville school house, all well armed, and organized by electing a preacher of the gospel as captain and appointing a committee on arrangements. Our informant says that the program as arranged by the committee was carried out to a dot. Two young ladies mounted on horseback with revolver in hand, led the squadron. But when they arrived at the Combs home the women were gone. They were followed and overtaken about one and a half miles away. They were captured and brought back where two young ladies were selected to do the whipping. Two hickory withes were cut and twisted, the women ordered to take off their heavy jackets, which order was promptly obeyed. They were then given 15 licks each, the house was tore down and the women carried to the Wolf county line. Here they were told by the captain to do right and serve God, but they must never return to Morgan county again. If they did that they would be dealt with. These women may be guilty of all that they are accused of and they may have deserved just what they got, but we know of no law either Divine or human that justifies it. They are human beings, creatures of God's creation and have souls to be saved or lost. We do not attempt to defend or justify these women in their ungodly and unlawful conduct. We know the country is better off without them, but we as good lawabiding citizens should always consider well before acting in cases of this kind, do nothing arbitrarily in heat or passion. Our first duty is to God, then to ourselves and country, then let us obey the laws of the country and stand by and assist the officers in the discharge of their duties. When this is done our country will prosper, crime and depredation will be a thing of the past and we can then enjoy a season of quietude and happiness. Let us all work to this end says

PIGHEAD.

LISTEN.

We have a number of farms, boundaries of timber and town lots for sale which we have not the space to advertise. If you want to buy real estate call on us and we can show you what you want whether we have published a description of it or not. H. G. COTTE & Co.

MAYTOWN.

F. M. Jones bought a tract of land on Blackwater of J. M. Hill, price \$125.

Tom Day and family started to Illinois March 2nd, where they will make their future home.

Born to the wife of Dorsa Ingram Feb. 28, a boy.

M. W. Pieratt is on the sick list this week.

Mrs. Nancy Spradlin is on the sick list.

J. M. Rowland, wife and son visited C. M. McGuire and family Sunday.

The court has seen fit to publish the delinquent list, now the people are demanding that the county claim list should also be published.

The worthless curs made a raid on J. M. Rowland's sheep last week and tore some of them up very bad.

John D. Henry and family have moved to their new home near Millersburg, Bourbon county.

W. W. Lovely has moved to his new home at this place.

Mrs. Phoebe J. Yocum was born in Morgan county Sept. 27, 1927.

Saw Mill For Sale.

On 18 horse power Boiler and Engine, Russell saw rig, 3 solid tooth saws, 1 48 inch, 1 56 inch and 1 60 inch, swing cut off and side edger, lumber trucks and pipe dyes, emory wheel, mandrel, and in fact everything complete. Machinery in first class repair. Will sell cheap. Call on or address

H. G. Cottle & Co., West Liberty, Ky.

NOTICE.

All persons owing us either by note or account must come in and settle at once. We are compelled to close up our years business and all accounts are due. Don't forget that this means you if you owe us.

We want to do every one just right and extend every courtesy to our customers that is possible, consistent with good business methods, but we are compelled to meet our obligations promptly when due, and we are, therefore, forced to ask our customers to pay theirs.

Our books are ready for settlement with every one. We shall expect all to come in without further notice.

Very truly,
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One farm of 159 acres at the mouth of Big Caney Creek, at terminus of Caney Valley Railroad. 15 acres of fine bottom land, overflows every year. Plenty of good tilable up land, not steep. Sufficient timber to keep in repair all necessary fences. Will sell dirt cheap and on easy terms of payment. Will take part pay in good marketable young stock at cash price.

One farm of about 150 acres on Licking river, 2 1-2 miles n. e. of West Liberty—60 a. of good bottom land, 40 or 50 a. of flat up land which can be plowed both ways. Well watered. Sufficient timber to keep farm in repair. Farm in reach of West Liberty High school. Will sell cheap on easy terms of payment. Will take part pay in good young stock at cash price.

One farm of 242 acres on Big Caney Creek, 2 miles s. e. of West Liberty and 150 yards of railroad station. 30 a. of fine bottom land, 70 a. of up land in grass; 140 a. to clear, 100 a. of which is fine cove land well adapted to tobacco; plenty of timber to keep farm in repair. New 5 room dwelling, good roomy new store house, two good tenant houses and a fine young orchard, barn and all necessary out buildings; drilled well and a fine mineral spring—pastures well watered. A splendid location for a merchant-farmer. Within easy reach of West Liberty High School. Will sell at a bargain on easy terms of payment.

Also six lots in the college addition of West Liberty—lots no's 64-65-128-129-130-131. Lots 128-129-130 and 131 lie in a block S. of Glenn avenue. Lots 64 and 65 adjoin and are one lot from corner of Park St., and Glenn avenue. An extremely desirable place for a home. Natural gas will be piped along the street between these lots within the next 40 days.

One farm of 129 acres on Licking river one mile below the mouth of White Oak creek, new cottage house, barn and all necessary outbuildings, everlasting spring in yard, good young orchard, 15 acres bottom land, 15 acres in grass. Will sell cheap for 1/3 cash down and 2/3 on time. A desirable home in a good neighborhood.

50 acres of timber land on the Stable branch, one mile from Licking river, 3 miles from West Liberty. Enough timber on land to pay for it. A bargain on easy terms of payment.

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No. 1	No. 3	No. 5	
Daily	Daily	Sunday	
At Lexington.....	11 40 A.M.		
Jackson.....	6 10 A.M.	2 30 P.M.	7 00 A.M.
O. & E. Junction.....	6 45	2 25	7 05
Athol.....	6 45	2 25	7 30
Beatsville Junction.....	7 07	3 20	7 54
Torrent.....	7 30	3 41	8 15
Campton Junction.....	7 48	3 57	8 28
Clay City.....	8 25	4 35	9 02
L. & E. Junction.....	8 50	5 07	9 34
Winchester.....	9 12	5 20	9 46
At Lexington.....	9 35	6 05	10 25
EAST BOUND			
No. 2	No. 4	No. 6	
Daily	Daily	Sunday	
At Lexington.....	2 35 P.M.	7 35 A.M.	
Winchester.....	3 05	8 13	
L. & E. Junction.....	3 20	8 26	
Clay City.....	3 30	9 02	
Campton Junction.....	4 30	9 38	
Torrent.....	4 47	9 58	
Beatsville Junction.....	5 10	10 17	
Athol.....	5 37	10 45	
O. & E. Junction.....	6 05	11 15	
At Jackson.....	6 10	11 20	
At Lexington.....		1 50	
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CORN BREEDING

How to Build a Good Strain Suited to Local Needs Which Will Yield Abundantly
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As an illustration of profitable farming, the corn breeder is the farmer of the future. The general farmer is the development of strains of corn well adapted to local conditions. Heretofore the corn grower has not practiced rigid selection to find the variety best suited to his environment. He has not appreciated that he could introduce into his locality grades of corn which have proved successful in other states and then acclimate this corn to his local conditions thereby gaining greater yields.

It is a relatively simple matter where a standard variety is grown to select the best ears from the year's crop, cure them properly, store them for the winter, and plant those showing the highest germination test the following spring. What little extra time the farmer consumes in these operations is amply repaid by the larger net returns he realizes from his next crop. Field experiments comparing the character of the crop resulting from the use of rigidly selected seed with that from seed corn as ordinarily handled on the farm prove conclusively the vast superiority of the rigidly selected, pure-bred strains. Yields of 55 to 60 bushels per acre resulted from use of the former grade, while returns averaging 35 bushels attended the use of the latter variety.

Begin by Selection.

In the attempt to eliminate all poor ears the best plan is in the case of seed corn to lay out all the ears in rows on the floor. A best ear should be selected as an ideal, so that in going over and sorting the corn the ones corresponding most closely to the ideal will be selected. All others which do not correspond to the ideal in color, shape, uniformity of kernels and quality should be discarded. Then a second sorting should be made to remove ears whose kernels do not intimately coincide with the ideal kernel.

In general the characteristics most desired in ears of seed corn are good size, regular rows of uniform kernels, well filled out at the butt and tip, deep and closely fitting, on a well shaped, moderate-sized cob. All ears of seed corn should be carefully examined and defective ears should be rejected.

Grow a Good Plot.

The selection of seed corn from the general field crop is usually attended by poor success. A special seed plot is essential where rigid selection is practiced. The advantages of this system are that there are better chances of fertilization; the plot is isolated from other corn fields precluding crossings by undesirable strains; crossing may be controlled on the plot; the elimination of undesirable plants and the marking of exceptional rows of plants is possible as well as the determination of yields of the crop from certain plants.

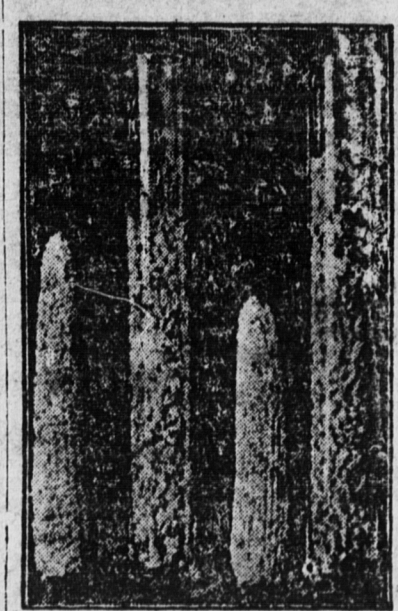
A quarter-acre or a half-acre plot should be chosen and the soil put into the best condition. A good plan is to select the finest ears and to plant one row from each ear to discover the superior strains and to control pollination. When the plants begin to tassels each row should be carefully inspected and every plant detached that indicates barrenness or undesirable characteristics in order that they may not pollinate any desirable plants. If some pollination is sought, every other row should be detached for most perfect pollination.

To eliminate chances of injury from freezing the seed corn should be selected from this plot as soon as the crop is well matured. The ears to select are those that grow reasonably low on moderately strong stalks just long enough to allow the ear to bend over and hang down. The husks should not be excessively long. The stalks should be from six to seven and one-half feet tall, strong at the butt, tapering gradually to the top with perfect, strong brace roots, and sound, healthy leaves free from diseased spots. The foliage should be of such a character as will elaborate an abundance of plant food and produce good yields.

Curing the Good.

The next process consists in grading the seed for the planter. The ears should be sorted and tipped because the ears produce

more and are more regular in size and shape and accordingly are more regularly dropped by the planter. Each ear should be shelled and graded. In some cases two or three gradations can be made profitable. This kernels, thick broad kernels, flat kernels, and other odd sizes can be separated into groups and even hand-picked to remove all black, broken or rotten kernels.



A short, thick cob will carry more corn than a long, slender one. Long ears are not the largest producers.

A more perfect method of corn breeding is known as the ear-to-row system of breeding and consists of selecting ears of the preferred variety, possessing uniform characteristics and growing them separately. The germination test discards all except the best ears and butts and tips in these tests in each case should be rejected. This seed is planted in an isolated plot, the grain from each ear being put into a separate row. Throughout the growing season all poor stalks should be removed.

At harvest the best ears from each row are picked and cured for breeding seed for succeeding seasons. An accurate record is kept of the number of each row and the number of ears used from each row. The remainder of the corn from the seed plot is planted in numbered acres and used as seed for the main crop of the subsequent year. The seed plot first chosen is subjected to rigid selection; the corn retained for the breeding plot for each succeeding year is taken from the best producing rows.

Accurate records regarding selection and careful management practiced in the breeding of seed corn are just as essential as tests of the milk and butter fat production of dairy cows, to determine the wage-earners. Inferior management and selection of breeding corn decreases the efficiency of the farmer. When one considers how easily the countryman can checkmate this handicap by a simple system of selection and discrimination in the various strains of breeding corn, one almost believes the relative simplicity of the problem is its greatest drawback. The farmer will not or can not comprehend that such an easy method in breeding corn will increase his yield to 40 to 50 per cent and will correspondingly improve the quality of his product.

No one can compel the farmer to institute and practice methods of management to which he is radically opposed. However, when the farm profits are so vitally concerned as they are in this problem of increasing the corn production in this country and when a correct solution of the difficulty has been placed under the farmer's nose, only obstinacy against the adoption of advanced methods or inherent laziness and shiftlessness can be offered as excuses against the universal adoption of proper methods of selection, breeding, curing, storage, and general care of selected strains seed corn.

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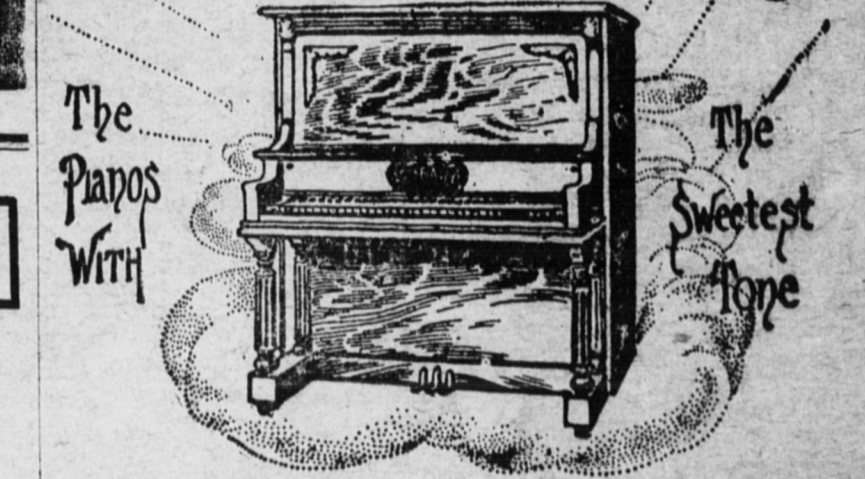
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